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# Massachusetts Weekly Initial Unemployment Claimant Data (05-28-20)

May 17 to May 23

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From May 17 to May 23, Massachusetts had 37,618 individuals file an initial claim for standard Unemployment Insurance (UI), a decrease of 463 over the previous week. Since March 15, a total of 897,205 initial claims have been filed for UI. For the same week, there were 588,049 continued UI claims were filed, an increase of 5,009 or 0.9% over the previous week.

For the week of May 17 to May 23, 147,594 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims were filed, bringing the total of claimants who have filed for PUA to 518,796.

Since March, the customer service staff at the [Department of Unemployment Assistance \(DUA\)](https://orgs/departments/unemployment-assistance) (/orgs/departments/unemployment-assistance) has grown from around 50 employees to over 1,900. The remote customer service operation is now making over 35,000 individual contacts per day and DUA continues to host daily unemployment town halls – which have been held in English, Spanish, and Portuguese – and have been attended by over 260,000 constituents.

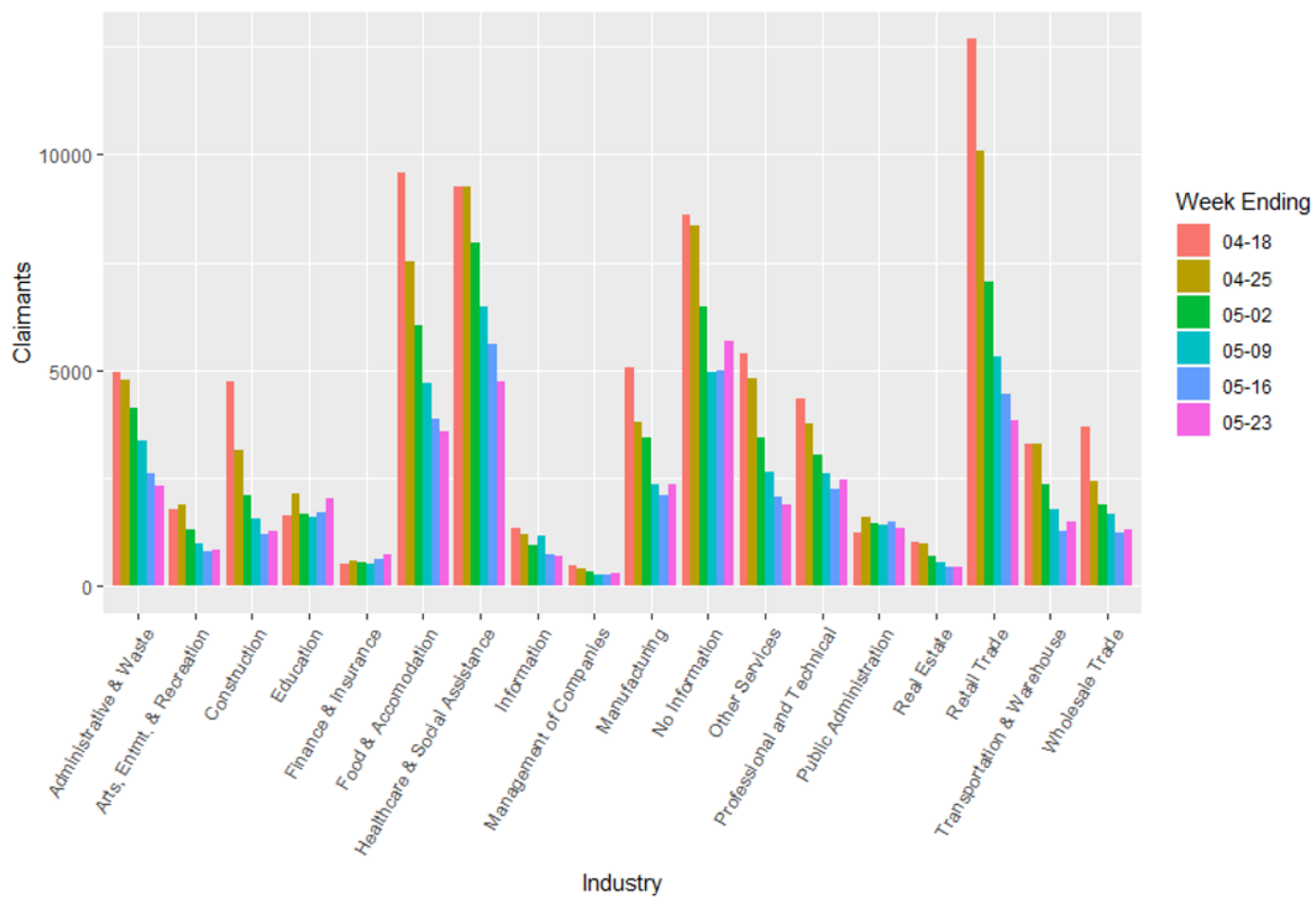
*The below charts are relative to standard UI only.*

Initial Claims Filed				
Industry	Week Ending 5/16	Week Ending 5/23	Change	% Change
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	139	104	-35	-25.2%
Mining	2	6	4	200.0%
Utilities	40	35	-5	-12.5%

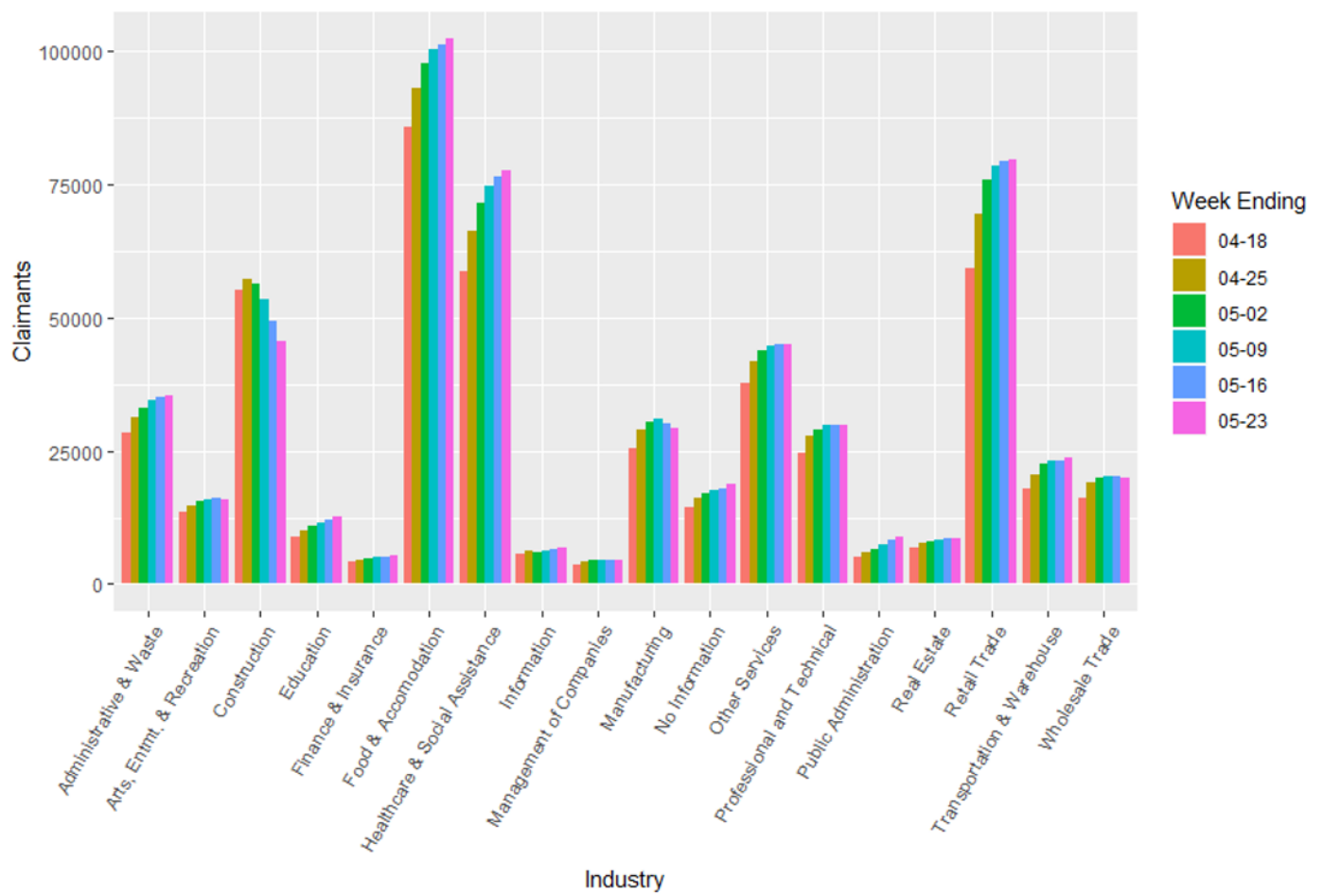
Industry	Week Ending 5/16	Week Ending 5/23	Change	% Change
Construction	1,221	1262	41	3.4%
Manufacturing	2,107	2,359	252	12.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,247	1,303	56	4.5%
Retail Trade	4,457	3,840	-617	-13.8%
Transportation & Warehouse	1,269	1,504	235	18.5%
Information	729	692	-37	-5.1%
Finance & Insurance	619	743	124	20.0%
Real Estate	451	435	-16	-3.5%
Professional and Technical Services	2,260	2459	199	8.8%
Management of Companies	254	308	54	21.3%
Administrative & Waste Services	2,608	2316	-292	-11.2%

Industry	Week Ending 5/16	Week Ending 5/23	Change	% Change
Education	1,704	2044	340	20.0%
Health & Social Assistance	5,621	4733	-888	-15.8%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	813	839	26	3.2%
Food & Accommodation	3,893	3585	-308	-7.9%
Other Services	2,056	1895	-161	-7.8%
Public Administration	1,509	1357	-152	-10.1%
Information Not Available	5,082	5,799	717	14.1%

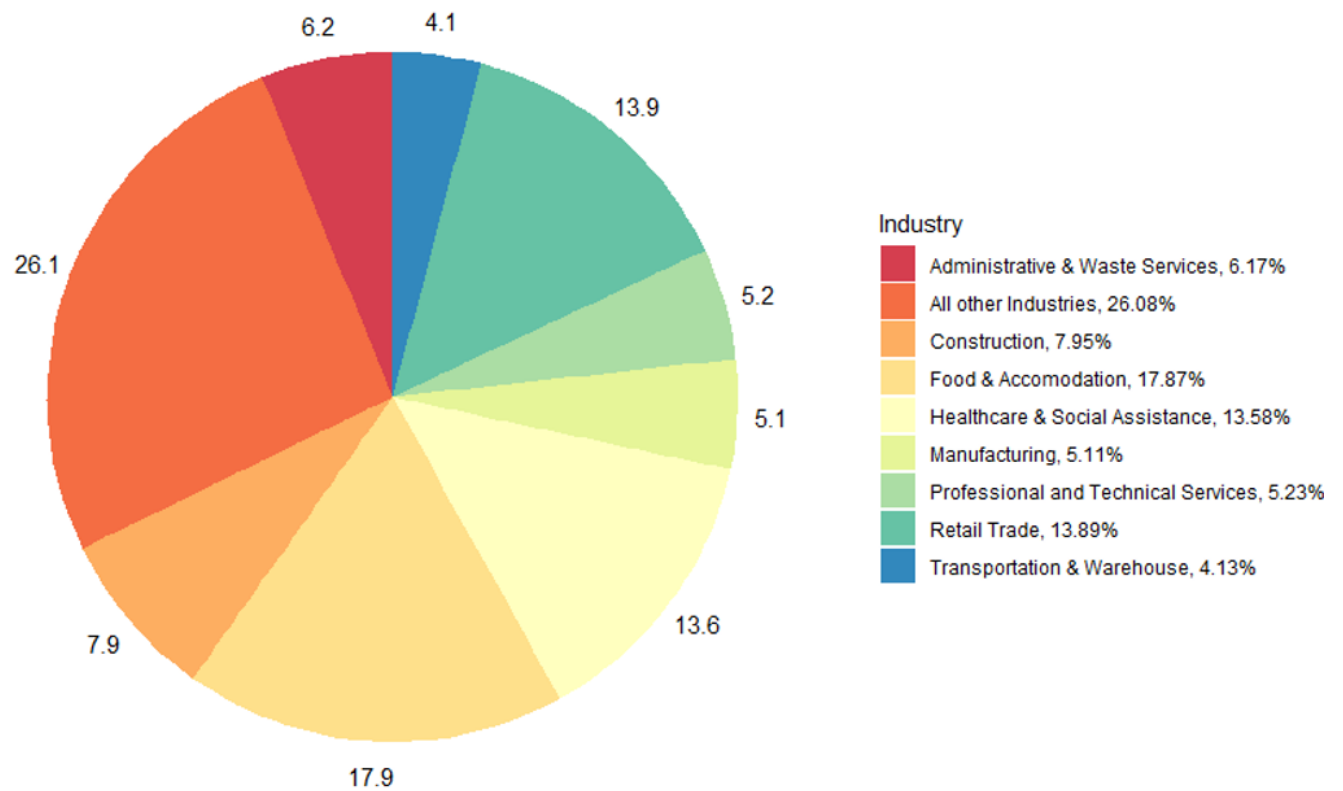
## Initial Claims by Industry



Continued Weeks Claimed by Industry



Industry Share of CWC in Most Recent Week

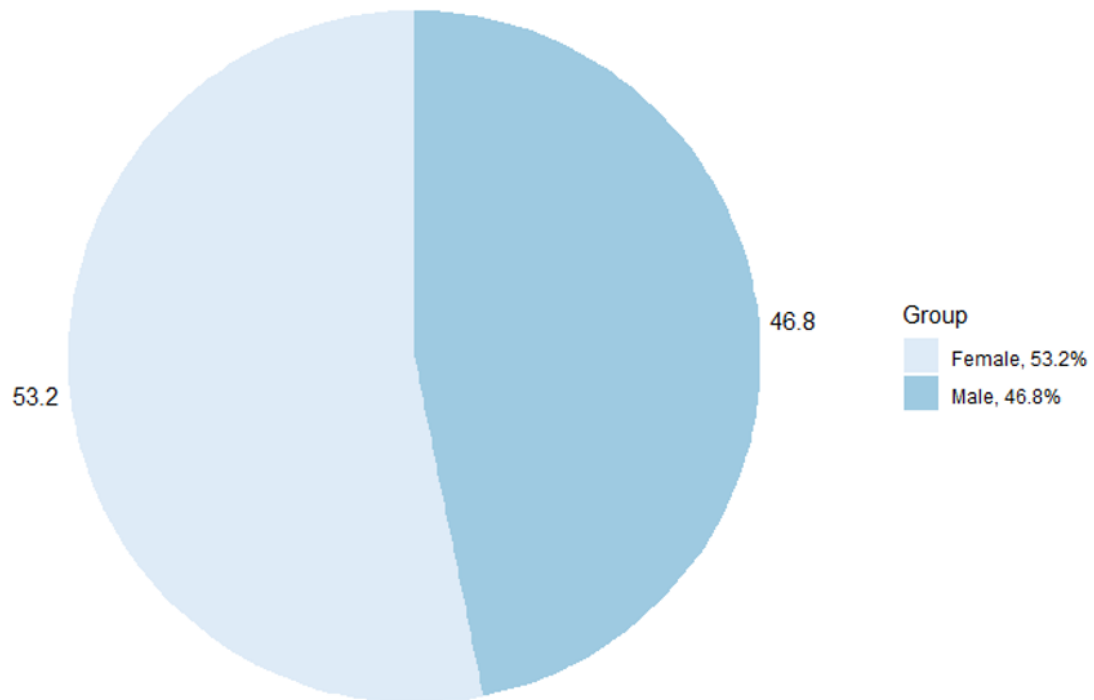


Industry	Percent
Food & Accomodation	17.87%
Retail Trade	13.89%
Healthcare & Social Assistance	13.58%
Construction	7.95%
Administrative & Waste Services	6.17%
Professional and Technical Services	5.23%
Manufacturing	5.11%
Transportation & Warehouse	4.13%
All other Industries	26.08%

Below we present demographic statistics on ethnicity, gender, and race for all those claimants who filed for a continued week in the period prior to the above information. This is to say that because of the timing of data availability, the below statistics reflect

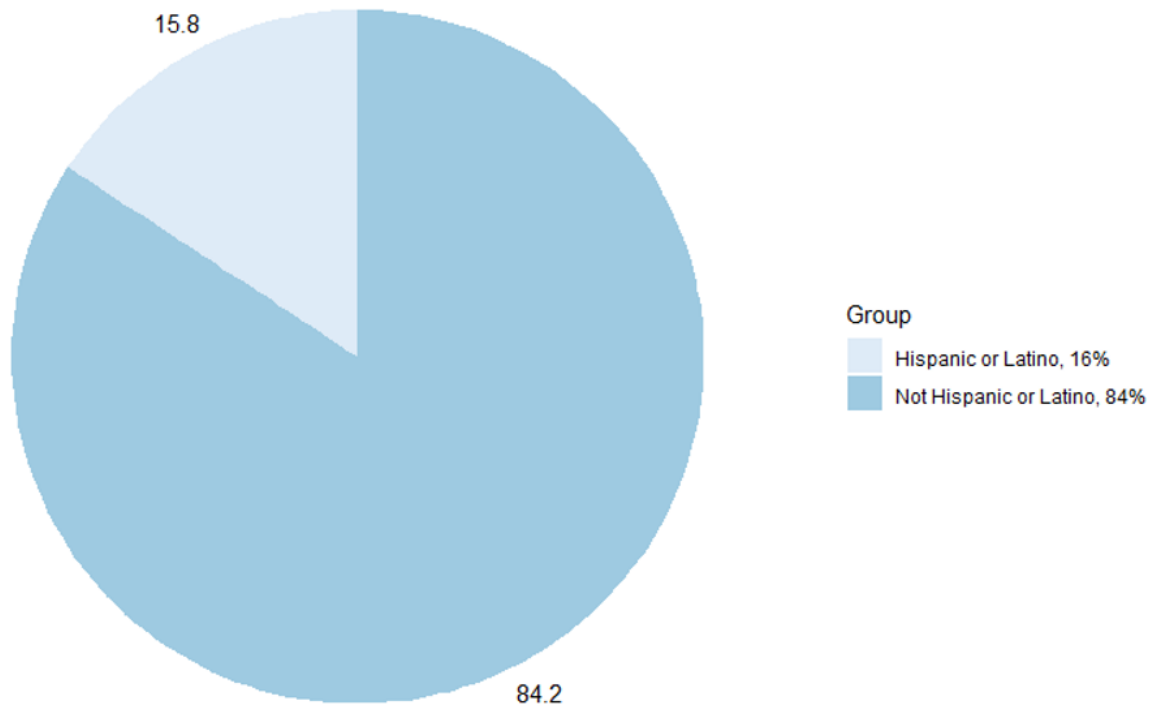
continued weeks claimed in the week ending May 16<sup>th</sup> rather than the week ending May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Claimants by Gender



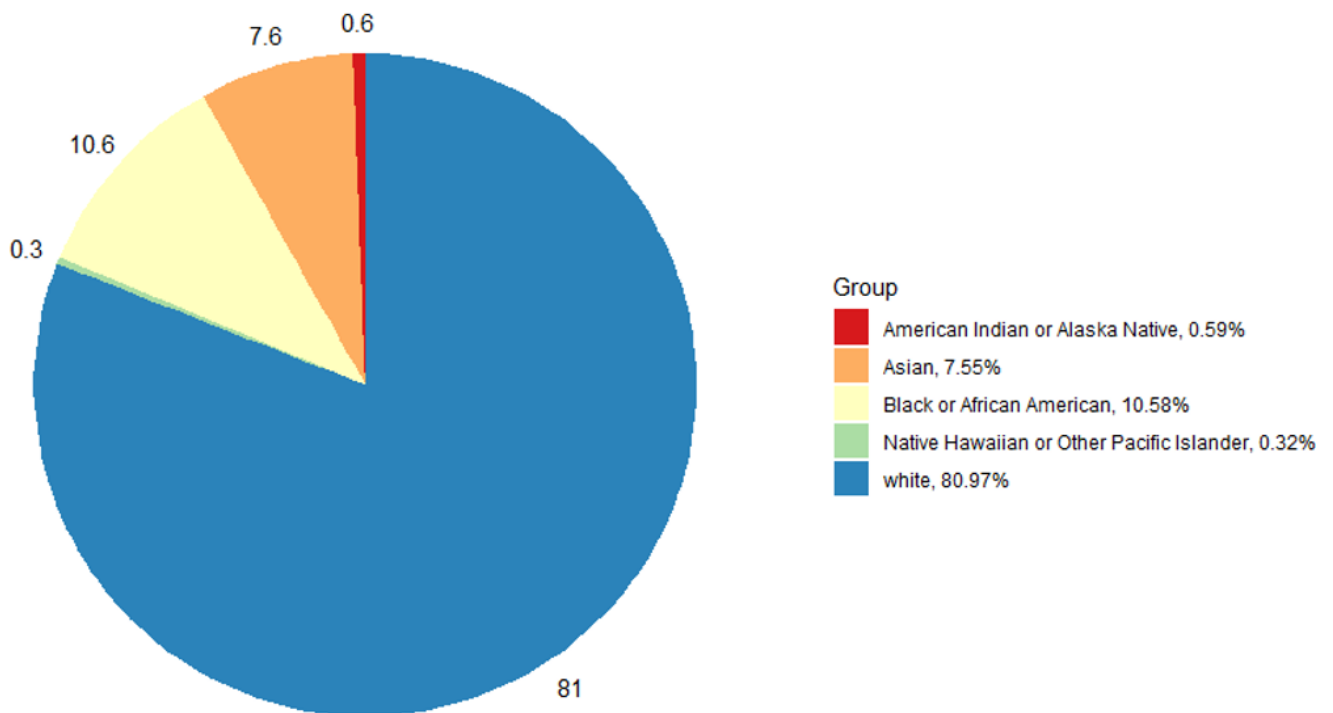
### Claimants by Ethnicity





Group	Percent
Not Hispanic or Latino	84.22%
Hispanic or Latino	15.78%

## Claimants by Race



Group	Percent
white	80.97%
Black or African American	10.58%
Asian	7.55%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.59%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.32%

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